13th April 2008

PARISH OF DRUMCREE

Mission Statement: Our Parish is a Christ-centred community. In Baptism we are challenged by the Spirit to live and share the Gospel message. Through proclaiming the Gospel message to all, Growth in Faith, Liturgy, Justice Issues and Ecumenism we extend our love and care to all people providing support in renewing and deepening our faith. We value the gifts and talents of each of our Parishioners and invite them to use these in responding to Christ's invitation to all of us to follow Him and spread the Good News to the whole world. www.drumcreeparish.com

St. John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Road (1777) - 1977

St. Patrick's Church, William Street - 1835

13th April 2008 Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses: St. John the Baptist Tuesday - Friday 7p.m. St. Patrick's Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. Monday 7p.m. (Novena -Miraculous Medal)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays in St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m.

Devotions 1st and 2nd Sunday

Confessions: St. Patrick's Saturday - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m. St. John the Baptist Saturday - 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Baptisms: Every Saturday, 5 p.m. Registration for Baptism must be made in St. John the Baptist Church, after Friday evening Mass, two weeks prior to date.

Marriage: At least three months notice must be given to the Priests of the Parish.

Phone Numbers: Â Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610 Fr. White 38332218 Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescat In Pace Jesus Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lately deceased:Â Â Mary Quinn, Georgina Creaney, Danny McNally, Lydia Lozova, Michael Hegarty, Noel Hannon-Mackey, Eileen Marley, Brian Derry Â Â

Sunday 13th:Â Francis Austin, Sean McCourt, Eileen Hughes, Catherine McGuigan, Brian Chambers. Monday 14th:Â Kathleen Judge(1st Anniversary), Joe White, Patrick Hamill Â

Tuesday 15th: Bridie Reihill, Michael McConville, Harry McCann, John Creaney, Edward & Bridie McCourt Â Wednesday 16th: Â Sheila Breen, Robert John Coleman, Jim Corr Â

Thursday 17th:Â Harry Creaney, May Douglas, Anna Mackle, Thomas Lappin, Bridget Catherine Lappin Â Friday 18th:Â Â M.M. Maurice Rafferty, Margaret McVeigh, Peter Joseph McEvoy, Mary Grimley, Denis Watson Â Saturday 19th:Â M.M. Frankie McParland, Arthur Cush, Julia Monaghan, James Gribbon

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Thursday 24th April - third anniversary of inauguration of Pope Benedict as Supreme Pastor of the Church

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Baptist Church, commencing 4 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 7 p.m. St. Joseph's Young Priest Society will lead a reflective recitation of The Glorious Mysteries of The Rosary for vocations.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 14th April Eddie McVeigh

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 14th April 10 a.m. Theresa Beattie 7 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers - list available in sacristy.

Parish Pastoral Council afternoon of reflection today Sunday 13th April in Armagh. Meeting Thursday at 7.30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bunscoil Friday 9th May in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 5 p.m. Parish Celebration Saturday 24th May in St. John the Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Ceremony of Light, Sunday 27th April in St. John the Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Recent Baptisms:Â Angelina Foronda, Eoghan David Liggett, Charlie Brian Mallon

Easter Celebration in Song - St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh Sunday 27th April, 7.30 p.m. Choirs from across the diocese will take part, including choirs from the Parish. All are invited to attend.

Today begins a special year for prayer for vocations - married life; priestly life; religious life; single life. Lord, let me know clearly the work you are calling me to do in life, and grant me every grace to answer your call with courage, love and lasting dedication to your will. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW

In a survey in 1986, 75% of people were satisfied with their job. In 2006, only 34% said they were satisfied in their job. Are you one of those 66% seeking more satisfaction from what you do?

Year of VOCATION 13th April †08 - 3rd May †09

Is God calling YOU? TO PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE Vocation in The Archdiocese of Armagh

T: (00353) 42 93 34259 E: vocation@eircom.net W:www.armaghvocation.ie

"Liturgy without Priest―: A special evening with Fr. Pat O'Donoghue will take place in the Synod Hall, Armagh on T 22nd April at 8 p.m. Fr. Pat will cover a range of pastoral situations from birth to death, focusing in a special way on liturgies which people might lead when a priest is unavailable.

Taize: The new leader of the Taize community Br. Alois will visit Belfast on Saturday 26th April. A pilgrimage walk will take place from St. Peter's Cathedral to St. Anne's Cathedral, led by leaders of the local churches, starting at 6.15 p.m.. This will be followed by a Taize Prayer Service in St. Anne's Cathedral at 8 p.m. Everyone, and in particular, young people are invited to join this special event. For more information please contact Youthcom, 028 90232432 or email:info@youthcom.org

Diocesan Child Protection Committee:Â The following training days have been arranged for those working with young

people under 18 yrs of age, within and outside parish groups. 26th April Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Dundalk, book by 18th April. 10th May Newry Parish Centre, book by 2nd May. 31st May Synod Hall, Armagh, book by 23rd May. If interested please contact Kate or Pierce at the Diocesan Youth Ministry, Armagh, 02837525592 or email armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

GATE - Diocesan Youth Magazine on sale in Churches £1.50.

Sunday 6th April £2475-07 Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

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I have come that you may have life to the full

One of the titles of God is â€~Lover of Life'.

God is the lover of real life among us; yet we often make him into a killjoy God.

Jesus brought the life of forgiveness to people crippled with guilt, peace to those driven by anxiety, hope to people darkened by despair, friendship to people isolated in loneliness:

Jesus's gift of life is the gift of love. His companionship offers peace, forgiveness, hope, in all the experiences of life.

I have come that you may have life to the full.

Lord, Lover of life, make us truly grateful for gifts of laughter and humour, of endurance and courage, of care and reconciliation, and for all which makes us truly alive.

I have come that you may have life to the full. \hat{A}

Stop the plans to legalise abortion in Northern Ireland - send a post card available in Churches - take action!-

Parish & Community Notices

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a contact name and telephone number. Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times. Collection can be arranged. Contact the shop, tel. 38393898. Clothes and Furniture shops in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. Opening hours Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours. Â

ACCORD - Wanted - people to help prepare couples for marriage. Interested? Contact ACCORD 38334781 to reserve your place at the information evening on Tuesday 29th April at 8 p.m.

Portadown Lourdes Committee: Church Door Collection £1892-75.Thanks to all who contributed. Annual Fund Raising Sponsored Walk, Sunday 20th April, Starting at 2.30 p.m. around Craigavon Lakes. Sponsor forms available from any committee member.

Special Remembrance Service - Sunday 20th April at 3 p.m., to give thanks for and remember babies and children who have died, in the Lecture Theatre, College of Nursing, Craigavon Area Hospital. You may wish to bring a flower in memory of your baby/babies and you will have the opportunity to view the Books of Remembrance.

Drumcree House of Health: Yoga Wednesday 11 - 12.30, £4 per session or £36 for 12 week course. Salsa Exercise,Tuesday 8.30, £1 per session. All in Drumcree Community Centre. Phone Jennifer 38334522.

SPRED - The group will recommence on Wednesday 9th April in Drumcree Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries 38392568.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Next lecture Wednesday 16th April in Cardinal O Fiaich Library at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Rotary water project "Sit Out― by Rotarian Tom Lee on Saturday 3rd May next. 6,000children under the age of five die every day due to lack of fresh water and poor sanitation. Money raised from this â€~Sit Out' will help Munura, South Kenya and will supply and install five wells and a water pipeline. 100% of mioney collected goes to the project. Be as generous as you can, please.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages: 31st May - 7 nights £419 ex Belfast. 2nd August - 7 nights £410 ex Belfast. 25th October - 7 nights £460 ex Dublin. All half board accommodation. For information contact Stephanie Donnelly 02820768917 or 07762130882

Holy Land Pilgrimage: 3rd - 12th September Direct from Belfast. £850 p.p.s. inclusive of all taxes. For information contact Ann Diamond, 02879468134.

Christian Aid: Collectors required for Christian Aid Week. Tel. 38333597. Last lunch of this session on Wednesday 7th May in Armagh Road, Pres. Church Hall, 12 noon - 1.30 p.m.

Bannside Community Centre: Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. English classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners. Cross community trip to Dublin, 4th - 11th July for children P5 - P7. Homework Club, Volunteer needed Wednesday. For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

Charity Table Quiz - organised by Knights of St. Colmbanus - Friday 18th April at 9pm in Parkside Bar. £3 per person.